

Minutes of Water Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting of August 3, 2009

Attendees:

- Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park
- Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park
- Laurie Gallian, City of Sonoma
- Milenka Bates, City of Sonoma
- Toni Bertolero, City of Sonoma
- Dennis Rodoni, North Marin Water District
- Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District
- Chris DeGabriele, North Main Water District
- Dana Roxen, Marin Municipal Water District
- Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma
- Mike Ban, City of Petaluma
- Deborah Fudge, Town of Windsor
- Richard Burt, Town of Windsor
- Robin Goble, Town of Windsor
- Paul Kelley, SCWA
- Efren Carrillo, SCWA
- Shirlee Zane, SCWA
- Spencer Bader, SCWA
- Chris Delaney, SCWA
- Lynn Florey, SCWA
- David Manning, SCWA
- Matt Vail, SCWA
- Brad Sherwood, SCWA
- Jim Flessner, SCWA
- Grant Davis, SCWA
- Randy Poole, SCWA
- Don Seymour, SCWA
- Carrie Pollard, SCWA
- Mark Bramfitt, Valley of the Moon Water District
- Krishna Kumar, Valley of the Moon Water District
- Susan Gorin, City of Santa Rosa
- Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa
- Greg Scoles, City of Santa Rosa
- Marsha Vas Dupre, City of Santa Rosa
- Steve Dittmer, City of Santa Rosa
- Conan Mullen, City of Santa Rosa
- Linda Reed, City of Santa Rosa
- Janet Reisner, City of Santa Rosa

Public Attendees:

- Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
- Bob Norberg, Press Democrat
- Dawna Gallagher, ROER
- J. Dietrich Stroeh, CSW/Stuber-Stroeh Engineering
- Don McEnhill, League of Women Voters
- Dave Smith, Merritt/Smith Consultants

Public Attendees continued:

Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers
Gerry Nakano, West Yost
Jim Connell, West Yost
David Keller, FOER
Linda Berg
Jim Flynn

1. Check In:
Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Sonoma County Supervisors, Efren Carrillo, Shirlee Zane and Paul Kelly were recognized and welcomed. The adjournment of this meeting will be in memory of long time attendee, Paul Stutrud, who has passed away since the last WAC meeting.
2. Public Comment
None
3. Recap from the May 4, 2009 WAC Meeting & Approval of Minutes
Susan Gorin, City of Santa Rosa made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2009, WAC meeting. Laurie Gallian, City of Sonoma, seconded. All approved.
4. Recap from the July 6, 2009 TAC Meeting & Approval of Minutes
Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa, made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 6, 2009, TAC meeting. Richard Burt, Town of Windsor, seconded. All approved.
5. Summer 2009 Water Contractor Statistics
Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District, stated that due to the State Water Board Order, the SCWA 2009 Water Contractor Statistics Report has changed to include the months of June through September. An email from Lynn Florey, SCWA, requesting an update on activities for the Second Term 15 Report was sent. The information is due to the State Board by August 15. The statistics need to go to Chris DeGabriele and he will get out a report. The WAC representatives requested each month's 2009 statistics be shown separately for comparison. Discussion took place regarding a joint meeting for WAC and TAC at the next scheduled TAC meeting of August 31, 2009 to discuss allocation alternatives.
6. SCWA Temporary Impairment/Allocation of Water Deliveries
A letter was presented from the TAC to the SCWA requesting the Agency increase water supply during peak demand periods when finished water storage may fall to low levels. The letter noted that the Agency cited the Temporary Impairment due to budget constraints as the reason for limiting water production. Discussion ensued regarding the letter and proposed resolution requesting the Agency's response to same.

Further discussion addressed concerns from the public about water quality, operation of the SCWA wells and business park owners who are taking steps to reduce usage and are working to achieve their conservation goals.

Jake Mackenzie suggested an upcoming meeting can be used to discuss the commercial turf issue further. He noted the brown lawn in front the Press Democrat was noted as a positive gesture toward conservation, although this property utilizes recycled water.

Dennis Rodoni moved to adopt the resolution requesting the Agency respond in writing regarding an increase in water supply during periods of peak demand to maintain Water Agency storage.

Motion was seconded by Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma.

Resolution was approved unanimously.

7. SCWA Strategic Alternatives

The Water Agency has made presentations to most jurisdictions. They are requesting feedback in writing from each jurisdiction by mid-September. Susan Gorin, City of Santa Rosa, suggested besides individual feedback, that there be a more interactive process. Comments from water contractors will be sent to the Agency and TAC Chair by October 5. They will be compiled and discussed at November meeting of WAC.

8. Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership

TAC will be discussing the creation of a new MOU to form the Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership between the water contractors and Marin Municipal Water District. TAC advised WAC that contractors have already developed a regional washing machine program.

9. Biological Opinion Status Update

Matt Vail, SCWA, distributed a spreadsheet of a 3 month look ahead at the Russian River Instream Flow and Restoration Project. Chris Delaney, SCWA, reviewed the Estuary Water Level Management and David Manning gave an update on the Fisheries Monitoring. Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma, would like to see an implementation plan as to how the Biological Opinion will proceed in the next 15 years and that SCWA provide a timeline with comments regarding modifications to 1610. This would help the efforts to work collaboratively. Randy Poole, SCWA, said he is unsure what they can offer due to legal reasons. Jake Mackenzie, Chair of WAC, requested that WAC and TAC be informed of an expected release date of the draft EIR. He also asked that SCWA notify the WAC what is needed regarding the budget. Grant Davis, SCWA, said WAC representatives will likely be needed to attend a Washington D.C. meeting in the Fall.

10. Items for next Agendas

August 31, 2009 – Special meeting of the WAC at the next TAC Meeting

1. SCWA Allocation of Water Deliveries
2. Hear back from Agency regarding schedule for the Biological Opinion

11. Check Out

- Reminder to register for the August 27 SCWA tour of the Russian River. Registration has been extended to Friday, August 7.
- A new cartoon map of the Russian River water system is available for distribution.
- Lynn Florey, SCWA will be retiring. A letter on behalf of WAC to recognize her accomplishments and service will be forthcoming. Tim Anderson will be assuming her duties.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Water Advisory Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.